

**Claims**

1. A setting and curing accelerator for hydraulic binders, comprising:  
5  $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$  aluminum sulfate,  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$  aluminum hydroxide and mineral acid in aqueous solution.
2. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 1,  
10 characterized in that (in % by weight) the proportion of aluminum sulfate is 10-50% and/or the proportion of aluminum hydroxide is 5-30% and/or the proportion of mineral acid is 0.5-10%.
- 15 3. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 1 or 2,  
characterized in that (in % by weight) the proportion of aluminum sulfate is 30-50% and/or the proportion of aluminum hydroxide is 5-20%.
- 20 4. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3,  
characterized in that (in % by weight) the proportion of aluminum sulfate is 40-45% and/or  
25 the proportion of aluminum hydroxide is 10-17% and/or the proportion of mineral acid is 0.5-8%.
5. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in any of the preceding claims,  
30 characterized in that the mineral acid present comprises (in % by weight) 1-5% of  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  phosphoric acid and/or 0.5-3.0% of  $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$  boric acid.
6. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in any of the preceding claims,  
35 characterized in that (in % by weight) 0-10% of alkanolamine and/or 0-5.0% of fluidizer and/or 0-20% of stabilizer are present.

7. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that (in % by weight) 0-5% of alkanolamine and/or 0-10% of stabilizer and/or 0-3.0% of fluidizer are present.
8. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 6 or 7, characterized in that the alkanolamine is a diethanolamine.
9. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 6 or 7, characterized in that the stabilizer is a silica sol.
10. The setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 6 or 7, characterized in that the fluidizer is a polycarboxylate.
11. A process for producing a setting and curing accelerator, characterized in that a setting and curing accelerator as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10 which is present in aqueous solution is dried, in particular by a spray drying process.
12. The process for producing a setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the dried mixture obtained is dissolved in water before addition to the hydraulic binder.
13. A process for producing a setting and curing accelerator as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that in the production of the aqueous solution and the addition of the

components in the production of the solution, the solution is heated in a range from room temperature to 90°C.

- 5 14. The process for producing a setting and curing accelerator as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that the solution is heated to 50-80°C.
- 10 15. A method of accelerating the setting and curing of hydraulic binders and also mortar or concrete produced therefrom, characterized in that a setting and curing accelerator as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12 is  
15 added in an amount of from 0.1 to 10% by weight to a mixture comprising hydraulic binders, with the percentages by weight being based on the weight of the hydraulic binder.
- 20 16. The use of the setting and curing accelerator as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12 in a spray concrete or spray mortar.